GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Appointment of Dr.Gokaraju Venkata Kanaka Ranga Raju, S/o Dr.Gokaraju Ganga Raju, Ex.MP, Managing Partner, Laila Nutraceuticals, Hyderabad as Honorary Wildlife Warden under Section 4(1)(bb) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONEMNT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.53 **Dated.26.07.2023**

Read the following:-

1) From the PCCF (WL) &CWLW, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.21050/1/2023-WL-2, dated 11.01.2023.
2) From the PCCF(WL) &CWLW, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.7424/2021/WL-2, dated 20.04.2023 along with minutes of the Meeting of the State Board for Wildlife.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., has submitted a proposal for appointment of Dr.Gokaraju Venkata Kanaka Ranga Raju, S/o Dr.Gokaraju Ganga Raju, Ex.MP, Jubliee Hills, Hyderabad as Honorary Wildlife Warden in order to assist the Chief Wildlife Warden, as well as to introduce a measure of wider participation, in view of the genuine concern for wildlife conservation, capacity to render help to the official machinery, local standing, especially in conveying the conservation message etc., under section 4(1) (bb) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

2. As per sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, the Wildlife Warden, the Honorary Wildlife Warden and other Officers and Employees appointed under this Section shall be subordinate to the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. In addition to that, under section 59 of the aforesaid Act, they shall be deemed to be a Public Servant within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860) and protection of action taken in good faith is provided under section 60 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

3. In the letter 2nd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., has furnished resolution of the State Board for Wildlife wherein the State Board for Wildlife approved for appointment of Dr. Gokaraju Venkata Kanaka Ranga Raju, S/o Dr.Gokaraju Ganga Raju, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad as Honorary Wildlife Warden for a period of one year in the first instance, after which it will be renewed further for a period not exceeding 2-3 years at a time.

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4. After careful examination of the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., and in view of the recommendation of the State Board for Wildlife, the Government hereby appoint Dr.Gokaraju Venkata Kanaka Ranga Raju, S/o Dr.Gokaraju Ganga Raju, Jubliee Hills, Hyderabad as Honorary Wildlife Warden under section 4(1)(bb) of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended in 2002 duly fixing the remuneration as per provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and indicating the duties, responsibilities and powers as detailed below:

1. **Duties and Responsibilities of the Honorary Wildlife Wardens shall be as follows:-**

To assist wholeheartedly, the Department of Wildlife Conservation, especially with regard to the following matters/function:

i. Control of poaching and clandestine trade in wild animals and products/articles thereof;
ii. Detection and prosecution of offences under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended up-to date the rules made there under; read with Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2002;
iii. Preventing damage to the habitat of wildlife;
iv. Identification and selection of areas suitable to be declared as Sanctuaries, National Parks, closed Areas etc. as well as measures for their proper protection.
v. Measures for dealing with the problem of damage caused by wild animals to human life and therein property, including assessment and payment of compensation;
vi. Carrying the message of conservation to the people and enlisting public support for nature and wildlife conservation. This effort should be specially directed towards the communities living in or near the declared wildlife reserves;

2. **Powers of the Honorary Wildlife Wardens shall be as follows:-**

a) He shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of Section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860) as per Section 59 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act (53 to 1972).
b) He shall get protection of actions taken in good faith as per section 60 of the Act (53 to 1972).
c) He shall have the power to inspect records of licenses as Section 47(b) of the Act (53 to 1972).
d) He shall have the authority of entry, search, arrest and detention as provided under sub-section (1), (3), (4), (5) & (7) of Section 50 of the Act (53 to 1972).

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3. The terms of appointment of the Honorary Wildlife Warden shall be for a period of one year from the date of issue of this order. Thereafter, on the recommendation of the Wildlife Advisory Board, it may be renewed for a period not exceeding 2-3 years at a time. However, the State Government may, at its discretion, terminate the appointment of an individual. The Honorary Wildlife Warden so appointed shall be Sub-ordinate to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Andhra Pradesh under sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

4. The Wildlife Advisory Board, Andhra Pradesh shall review the functioning of the scheme of Honorary Wildlife Warden for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

5. Actual expenses incurred by an Honorary Wildlife Warden on travel by public transport for carrying out the duties assigned to him shall be reimbursed by the State Government. In addition, all actual expenses incurred in the detection of an offence under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, which leads to successful prosecution may be reimbursed after due verification.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur is directed to take action for conducting regular meetings and to involve the Honorary Wildlife Wardens more actively in Wildlife Conservation measures.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.2125654/HR.II/FIN01-HR0PDPP(RRD)/95/2023, Finance (HR.II) Department, dated 28.06.2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.
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